

Fresh clashes erupt in N. Lebanon

TRIPOLI, Lebanon (R) — Syrian peacekeeping forces and local gunmen exchanged sporadic shellfire in this troubled northern Lebanese city Wednesday after a Syrian soldier was shot dead by an unidentified assailant. Five people were reported injured, one of them seriously, in the clashes. Security sources said the soldier was visiting people in the Kubbah district when a gunman stormed the house and sprayed him with a burst of machine-gun fire. They said several passers-by were injured in the clashes in which local residents said shells of various calibres and heavy machine-guns were used. Tripoli is under the overall control of the all-Syrian Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) in Lebanon but has a long history of violence between pro and anti-Syrian militias.

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'Time running out for Mideast peace'

ARUSHA, Tanzania (R) — A meeting here to prepare an international conference on the Palestinians has been told that time is running out for a peaceful solution to the problem. Representatives of most African governments are attending the meeting, chaired by Tanzanian Foreign Minister Salim Ahmed Salim. It will prepare Africa's position before a United Nations-sponsored international conference on the Palestinian issue due to be held in Paris in August. Tanzanian Prime Minister Edward Sogkome told the opening meeting Tuesday that time was running out to solve the Palestinian issue peacefully and he called on governments to help to find answers to it.

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Beirut ambush kills 1 Israeli, injures 2

TEL AVIV (R) — An Israeli soldier was killed and two wounded Tuesday night in a guerrilla ambush southeast of Beirut, the military command announced. The patrol was hit by bazooka fire near Kahaleh, southeast of the Beirut suburb of Baabda, a military spokesman said. News of the incident was withheld for more than 24 hours until families of the victims were informed. Two Israeli soldiers were killed in the same area two weeks ago when their vehicle struck a land mine.

Lebanon detains arms haul

BEIRUT (R) — Lebanese customs officials said Tuesday they discovered artillery shells aboard a ship which had arrived in Beirut port from Greece. They said they were checking with Egyptian authorities a statement by the ship's captain that the cargo was destined for the Egyptian government. The vessel, whose name was not immediately available, arrived here Monday, Lebanese Radio reports said. Justice sources said it was banned from sailing pending investigations.

Jerusalem Committee to meet April 18

JEDDAH (R) — A meeting of the Jerusalem Committee scheduled to take place in Rabat on April 3 has been postponed until April 18, the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) announced Wednesday. In a statement issued at its Jeddah headquarters the OIC said the adjournment was due to prior engagements of the committee's members. The meeting called for by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat will discuss the situation in the Israeli-occupied territories and latest developments in the Arab World. The Jerusalem Committee was set up by the 43-member organisation.

Japan urges Arabs to recognise Israel

CAIRO (R) — Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone said that Israel's recognition by the Arab countries could help the United States find a solution to the Middle East problem. The Cairo newspaper Al-Ahram reported Wednesday. The semi-official newspaper, which interviewed Mr. Nakasone in Tokyo, quoted him as saying: "It is essential for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Arab countries to announce their readiness to live in peace with Israel."

Moscow says Israel plans to attack Syria

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet government Wednesday accused Israel of preparing to attack Syria, where Soviet troops are reported to be manning new missile defence bases. A rare official government statement said Israel regarded Damascus as the main obstacle to its power in the region and was trying to use Syria's new "defensive measures" as a reference to the missiles—as an excuse for aggression. "Military preparations are being conducted in Israel undisguisedly with the aim of delivering a piratical strike at Syria," the statement, carried by TASS news agency, said.

Violent protests mark Land Day in W. Bank

TEL AVIV (R) — Palestinian demonstrators stoned Israeli vehicles, blocked roads and staged strikes Wednesday in widespread protests to commemorate the seventh anniversary of protests against land seizures.

Eleven Israeli passengers were injured by shattered glass when buses were stoned in four separate incidents in the West Bank.

Israeli border troops were out in force to quell unrest and imposed curfews on the West Bank's largest town, Nablus, and a dozen refugee camps to prevent disturbances.

Security sources said the protests were mild compared to previous Land Day demonstrations. Land Day commemorates the death of six Arabs killed by Israeli soldiers during demonstrations against land expropriations in Galilee in 1976.

The day was observed in Israeli Arab villages with peaceful mass gatherings and processions, while Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip showed their solidarity by

commercial strikes and protests.

Nine Nablus residents were arrested for violating the curfew, and six Arab youths in East Jerusalem and Nazareth were arrested in connection with stonings, security officials said.

In the Gaza Strip, youths twice hurled hand grenades at Israeli army patrols near the Jabalya refugee camp but caused no injuries.

A device containing one kilogramme of explosive planted near military headquarters in Gaza City was dismantled before it blew up, Israeli Radio said.

In the West Bank town of Tulkarm, attackers threw three home-made molotov cocktails at Israeli vehicles Tuesday and Wednesday.

Security forces in the territories forced shopkeepers to open their

stores, threatening to seal up businesses that continued to observe the strike.

Shops in the West Bank and Gaza Strip opened under the military pressure, the radio said.

An army helicopter hovered overhead in an effort to determine possible trouble spots.

Israeli troops, armed with sub-machineguns, watched from rooftops in the West Bank town of Ramallah. They could be seen looting on mattresses on the outskirts of other West Bank towns, apparently ready to move in swiftly if violence flared.

Bedouin Arabs in Israel's southern Negev, who have been under pressure to give up their pasture lands to make way for new Israeli military installations, also staged protests, burning tyres and closing schools for the day.

In a separate incident, a seven-year-old Arab child was killed and two other children injured while playing with a land mine they uncovered near their home in the Galilee town of Shifaram, the radio said.

Police said the incident was not related to Land Day.

Jordan stages rally

AMMAN (J.T.) — A public rally was held at the Palace of Culture Wednesday to commemorate Land Day in remembrance of Arabs killed by Israeli authorities in Galilee in 1976.

Speakers at the rally paid tribute to the "steadfastness of the Arab population under Israeli occupation and their heroic struggle in confronting the Zionist oppression," the Jordanian News Agency, Petra said.

They also deplored "collusion by Zionists and certain nations against Arab countries in general and the Palestinian people in particular."

The speakers also called on Arabs to "unify their ranks and mobilise their resources to confront the Zionist enemy who constantly threatens the Arab Nation, its existence and future," the agency reported.

They appealed to Arab leaders to render support to the Arabs under Israeli occupation and appealed to international organisations and bodies to support the just struggle of the Palestinians, Petra said.

The rally was attended by National Consultative Council Speaker Suleiman Arar, Transport Minister Ali Subhimat, Minister of Social Development In'am Al Mufti, heads of Jordanian trade unions, key Jordanian intellectuals, journalists and senior officials.

Sugar, rice prices to go down

AMMAN (Petra) — The price of sugar and rice will go down as of April 2, according to instructions issued Wednesday by Minister of Supply Ibrahim Ayyoub.

According to the new instructions, a tonne of sugar will cost JD 168 in wholesale while the retail price of a kilogramme will be 180 fils, a reduction of 30 fils.

A tonne of rice will cost JD 165 in wholesale and the retail price of a kilogramme of rice will be sold at 180 fils.

Commenting on the price reduction, Mr. Ayyoub said that this was made possible by a drop in the prices of these commodities on the international market.



His Majesty King Hussein and Sultan Qaboos Ibn Sa'id of Oman (left) are Wednesday briefed on the facilities offered at the Queen Alia Heart Institute by the director of the Royal Medical Services, Daoud Hunania (to Sultan Qaboos' left)

Hussein, Qaboos formally inaugurate heart institute, rehabilitation centre

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein and Sultan Qaboos Ibn Sa'id of Oman Wednesday formally inaugurated the Queen Alia Heart Institute and the Royal Rehabilitation Centre at the King Hussein Medical Centre.

The King and Sultan Qaboos were briefed on the facilities and services offered at the institute by the director of the Royal Medical Services, Daoud Hunania. The 100-bed institute, which became operational in March last year, had cost JD 7 million, wholly financed by Sultan Qaboos as a gift to King Hussein, the Armed Forces and the people of Jordan.

Since March 1982, the institute's outpatient department registered 12,000 patients, of whom 1882 were admitted for heart surgery, Dr. Hunania said.

He said that the institute has become a major regional centre which now offers medical services to civilians and military personnel from Jordan and other Arab states. Almost 95 per cent of the institute's staff are Jordanian technicians and specialists, Dr. Hunania said.

King Hussein and Sultan Qaboos

also were briefed on the Royal Rehabilitation Centre, which, Dr. Hunania said, was established in 1976 to offer treatment to physically handicapped people. The centre, which cost JD 9 million, became operational early this year, Dr. Hunania said.

He added that the 147-bed centre includes units for treating burns, the spinal cord, joints, the vertebral column, and for transplanting tissue and limbs as well as psychotherapy.

According to Dr. Hunania, all the staff at the centre are Jordanian specialists with advanced training in their respective fields.

Following the ceremony, King Hussein and the Omani leader inspected the centre's various departments and watched two open heart surgeries which were in progress at the time of the visit.

The ceremony was attended by Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi, Court Minister Amer Khammash, senior army officers and an Omani delegation accompanying Sultan Qaboos.

Sultan Qaboos signed an official register at the centre and voiced appreciation of the centre's staff

for the humanitarian services they render to the patients.

Earlier Wednesday Sultan Qaboos visited the Martyr's Monument.

Badran hosts luncheon

On Wednesday noon, King Hussein and Sultan Qaboos attended a luncheon banquet hosted by Prime Minister Mudar Badran at Al Hussein Youth City.

The banquet was also attended by the Omani delegation accompanying Sultan Qaboos, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, cabinet members, Royal Court Chief Ahmad Al Lawzi, Upper House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Al Tarawneh, National Consultative Council Speaker Suleiman Arar, Court Minister Amer Khammash, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Chief Islamic Justice Sheikh Ibrahim Qattan, senior officials and high ranking army officers as well as the heads of diplomatic missions in Jordan.

Arafat in Syria

DAMASCUS (R) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat arrived in Damascus Wednesday on the latest stop of an Arab tour before expected talks in Amman with King Hussein.

The talks, which the Jordanian leader has described as crucial, will centre on how to respond to President Reagan's Middle East peace plan launched last September.

Mr. Arafat was originally expected in Amman at the beginning of this week, but instead toured Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Bahrain, Kuwait and now Syria.

This aroused speculation that he could be consulting Arab governments, as well as fellow Palestinian leaders, on a possible commitment to a joint Middle East peace effort with Jordan.

In Kuwait, Mr. Arafat chaired a meeting of leaders of Fateh, the mainstream group of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

His close aide Abu Iyad said Tuesday night the Palestinians would go along with Jordan, but only if Jordan could guarantee Israel's withdrawal from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Palestinian sources said that while in Damascus Mr. Arafat would chair meetings of the PLO's 15-man Executive Committee, and the PLO Supreme Military Council. Many of the leading PLO figures live in Syria.

He was also expected to make a speech Wednesday to mark Land Day, commemorating March 30, 1976, when six Arabs were killed during demonstrations in the West Bank against Israeli seizure of land there.

There was no immediate word on whether Mr. Arafat would meet Syrian leaders.

Israel seals off Jenin

JENIN, Occupied West Bank (R) — Israeli troops sealed off this town Wednesday as medical investigators tried to track down a mystery poisoning that has struck some 400 Palestinians and fanned fresh unrest in the West Bank.

The people of Jenin stayed in their shuttered homes as border troops imposed a curfew after demonstrations Tuesday.

Apart from a few foreign journalists, all travellers were turned back at roadblocks outside the town.

Government hospital staff said the Israeli occupation authorities had ordered them not to discuss the apparent mass poisoning. Army officers refused to meet correspondents.

Five days after the first cases were reported, Israeli civilian and army teams have failed to explain the illness.

With the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) now demanding an international investigation, the Israeli seemed to be under mounting pressure to find the cause.

"I have been in medicine for 40 years and have never seen cases like this," said Dr. Khalid Asir, who runs the small, privately owned Shifa hospital in Jenin.

And Tuesday, 70 adult Palestinians from Jenin complained of symptoms similar to those suffered by schoolgirls in the Jenin area—headaches, dizziness and nausea.

Twenty-four adults were taken to hospital in Jenin, and 20 others in Israel, security sources said.

Two Israeli border policemen stationed outside the Jenin hospital also complained of similar symptoms and were taken to hospital.

Haddad's role reportedly blocks withdrawal talks

TEL AVIV (R) — U.S. special envoy Philip Habib conferred Wednesday with the Israeli foreign and defence ministers but failed to break the deadlock in negotiations on a withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon. Israeli officials said.

After the 90-minute meeting Mr. Habib told reporters he was leaving for Washington Thursday and would return to the Middle East next week.

The main stumbling block in the negotiations is still the future of Israeli-backed militia leader Maj. Saad Haddad, a senior Israeli official said.

Israel has demanded that Maj. Haddad's forces be integrated into the Lebanese army and that Maj. Haddad himself be given a senior command post in southern Lebanon.

But Lebanon refuses to commit itself to keeping the Haddad forces together or to retaining the renegade major, who was cashiered from the Lebanese army in 1979.

The official, briefing correspondents after the meeting, said Mr. Habib had not brought any new proposals from Lebanon and the Lebanese still objected to leaving Maj. Haddad in any command capacity in southern Lebanon.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir told Mr. Habib nobody in Israel would take the responsibility for withdrawing troops from Lebanon without being certain that "there were people left behind who we can trust," the official said.

Oil slick nears Qatari coast

DOHA, Qatar (R) — A giant oil slick, estimated to cover an area about the size of Belgium, is likely to hit the Gulf state of Qatar within the next 24 hours, a government environment official said Wednesday.

Dr. Hassan Kushkub told Qatar Radio that oil spewing from two damaged Iranian wells at a rate of 7,000 barrels a day was about six miles north of Qatar and covered an area two or three times the size of the 4,000-square-mile peninsula.

Qatar Radio urged the country's 250,000 residents not to panic. The local Red Crescent Society called for volunteers to help in planned clean-up operations.

Helicopter and satellite surveillance showed that the slick, worst spill ever in the oil-producing region and likely to devastate rich fishing areas, was 16 miles north of Bahrain.

Reagan offers interim missiles reduction pact

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan, in a major policy change, Wednesday offered the Soviet Union an interim agreement to limit medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe pending an accord on eliminating all of them.

He said his new offer, which gave no numbers but called for cuts to equal levels, was an interim solution since Moscow had rejected his own "zero option" plan.

He said in a statement to North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) ambassadors in the White House East Room that Paul Nitze, U.S. negotiator at the European missile talks in Geneva, had told the Soviet delegation that the new proposal was "a serious initial step" towards the elimination of all medium-range missiles.

The president offered his compromise proposal after months of pressure from West European

leaders, concerned about the growing anti-nuclear movement in their countries, who called for a change in U.S. policy at the Geneva talks.

Mr. Reagan said: "When it comes to intermediate nuclear missiles in Europe, it would be better to have none than to have some."

"If the Soviets will not now agree to the total elimination of these weapons, I hope they will at least join us in an interim agreement that would substantially reduce these forces to equal levels on both sides."

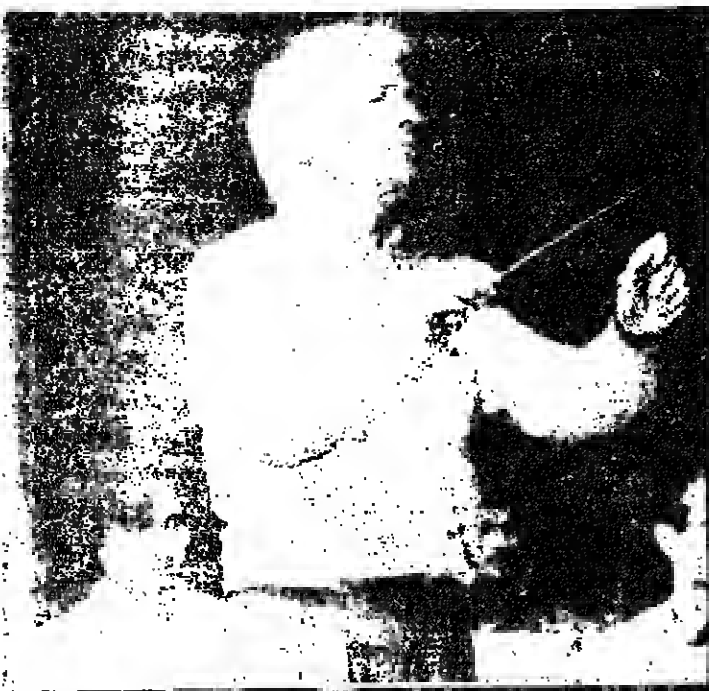
A senior Reagan administration official said at a briefing for reporters that the phrase "global basis" emphasised Mr. Reagan's refusal to agree to the switch of any of these missiles from European areas of the Soviet Union to Asia.

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HOME NEWS



Jean Jakus, founder and conductor of the European Philharmonic Orchestra (Photo: Margi Bryant)

EEC festival youth orchestra scores on sensitivity

By Margi Bryant
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Tuesday night's gala concert by the Young Soloists of the European Philharmonic Orchestra is bound to rank as one of the highlights of the European Community Spring Festival, even with three weeks of musical events still to come. The 27-member chamber orchestra, made up of top students from European academies of music, impressed the first-night audience at the Royal Cultural Centre with the professionalism and sensitivity of their playing.

Chamber music, with its greater demands on both player and listener, is arguably less familiar to the Amman public than symphonic music. The true quality of the Young Soloists Orchestra was probably best appreciated by those who were familiar with the

music played, despite the fact that—by choosing, for the most part, established works from the chamber repertoire—the players exposed themselves to rigorous comparisons.

They did not come off badly from such comparison, especially the solo players. First violinist Silvino Emil Clobotta played the violin solo in the Mozart Sinfonia Concertante with an expressiveness not easily matched anywhere. The co-ordination between the Clobotta and the highly professional playing of viola soloist Gisella Bergman was exact, both technically and interpretatively, while the supporting strings infused this lovely piece of music with a compelling blend of tension and lyricism.

The same expert co-ordination was felt between the two viola soloists in the Bach D major dou-

ble concerto, which Thomas Kas and Per Nasborn played with pace and style, though perhaps a little too briskly to bring out all the emotional nuances of the piece. An equally stylish performance was given by soloist Luc Capouliez in the Torelli D major trumpet concerto.

The scheduled programme ended with the "Hymn to Joy" from the last movement of Beethoven's ninth symphony, which the EEC uses as its anthem. Originally scored for full symphony orchestra and choir, the "Hymn to Joy" sounds unexciting in this reduction for chamber orchestra, and seemed a disappointing conclusion to the evening, especially when it was quite unnecessarily played again as the first encore.

However, the second encore changed the mood of the evening back to one of excitement, with a truly dazzling display of virtuosity on the flute from soloist Gaby van Riet in the Devienne D major concerto. This piece forms part of the scheduled programme for Thursday and Friday nights.

The Young Soloists Orchestra represents the cream of the 120-strong European Philharmonic Orchestra, which was formed in 1974 by its present conductor Jean Jakus, to accompany the EEC's in-house choir. Since then the Philharmonic has become an established orchestra in its own right, though its membership — drawn from music academies in EEC countries — is necessarily fluid.

The young soloists group was formed in 1981 and made its debut that year in Rome. Its members are all in their early twenties and aiming for a professional career in music. Of the present members, some have played with the parent orchestra for years while others, including first violinist Silvino Clobotta, joined only a few months ago.

Like the full Philharmonic, the chamber group only assembles for a particular tour or concert series, and rehearsal time is therefore at a premium. For the concerts in Amman, the players rehearsed their parts separately, meeting in Brussels last weekend for an intensive two days' ensemble work before flying to Jordan Monday.

"We all regularly play in our academy orchestras, for that's a kind of obligation," stated first violinist Silvino Clobotta. "The standard of this group is somewhat higher, it's a more pleasant to play in it."

Flautist Gaby van Riet, who played with the Philharmonic for six years and the young soloists group since its formation, stated the value of being in a professional orchestra of young musicians and the challenges that this entails during the concert period.

Conductor Jean Jakus told the Jordan Times that the young soloists group in Amman looked like they were going to be successful. "This is the first time a chamber orchestra has appeared outside the EEC, and it's a very smooth, smooth, smooth group. I'm sure they will be more than ready to play in the future," he said.

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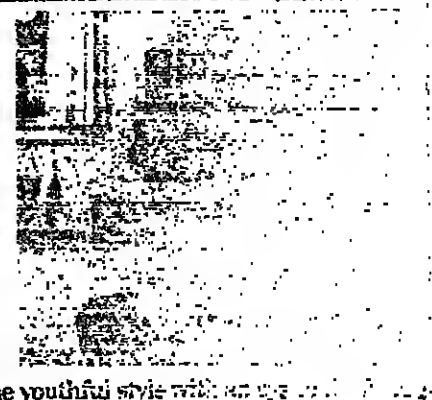
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HOME NEWS

W. Germany donates flour consignment for Palestinian refugees

AMMAN (Petra) — West Germany has donated 3,650 tonnes of flour to Jordan to be distributed to Palestinian refugees and displaced persons.

Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Hassan Ibrahim took delivery of the consignment which was formally handed over by the West German ambassador to Jordan Hermann Munz.

In a speech to mark the occasion, the minister voiced Jordan's appreciation of the gesture to the West German government. The

Jordanian government is deeply grateful to West Germany for all types of assistance offered to Jordan in many different fields, the minister said.

Mr. Munz replied praising the close relations existing between Jordan and West Germany. This act is a token of friendship and an expression of our desire to support the Jordanian government's intensified efforts under the leadership of His Majesty King Hussein to relieve the sufferings of the refugees in Jordan, Mr. Munz said.

Oman, Jordan seal information agreement

AMMAN (Petra) — Information Minister Adnan Abu Odeh discussed with his Omani counterpart Abdul Aziz Al Rawwas Wednesday cooperation between Jordan and Oman in the information field.

At a meeting, attended by senior Information Ministry officials on both sides, the ministers discussed the implementation of a joint information programme which entails cooperation in television and radio affairs and the exchange of news material, publications, and training in information-related fields.

To this end, the ministers reached an agreement which is to be signed at a later date. At the meeting both ministers praised the close Jordanian-Omani ties and hoped that the new agreement will further enhance cooperation.

Writers launch heritage week

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordanian Writers Association (JWA) will launch a Jordanian popular heritage week Monday.

This will include an exhibition of national costumes, collections of books and national documents, and a display of historic pictures including some rare photographs lent to the exhibition by the Department of Libraries, Documentation and National Archives.

Also on the programme will be seminars to be held in the University of Jordan, Yarmouk University, and the Professional Association Complex.

The activities, the first of its type in Jordan, are aimed at highlighting Jordanian popular culture.



West German Ambassador to Jordan Hermann Munz (second from left) signs a document donating 3,650 tonnes of flour to be distributed to Palestinian refugees (Petra photo)

Yugoslav trade team returns Wednesday

AMMAN (J.T.) — A Yugoslav economic delegation left Amman Wednesday at the end of a three-day visit to Jordan after talks with Jordanian officials aimed at the bolstering of trade and economic cooperation between Jordan and Yugoslavia.

The talks culminated Tuesday with the signing of a protocol to increase the volume of trade between the two countries, and to boost cooperation in launching

joint economic ventures in Jordan.

Under the protocol Yugoslavia will increase its imports of chemical fertilisers, potash and phosphates from Jordan and will export to Jordan meat and various consumer products.

During their stay in Jordan, the Yugoslav delegation toured Jordanian economic projects and visited archaeological sites in the country.

Khadouri requests more medical aid

AMMAN (Petra) — Visiting Omani Health Minister Mubarak Al Kbadouri said here Wednesday that his country is in need of Jordanian medical expertise specially in the fields of psychotherapy, paediatrics, laboratory research as well as generalised medical treatment. He was speaking at a meeting with his Jordanian counterpart Zuhair Malhas and senior Health Ministry officials.

The two sides set up a joint committee to follow up the implementation of an agreement signed earlier.

Hassan: Private sector must aid public services

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Wednesday urged the Amman Municipality to examine other countries' experiences in running public services and to copy them where suitable for Jordan.

Prince Hassan was speaking at a meeting with Amman's new Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh and his senior aides.

He called on the Jordanian private sector to cooperate with the public sector in implementing public service projects and schemes intended to develop Amman. The municipality should coordinate its work with other government departments in the course of implementing projects in Amman. It must also prepare its plans for the municipality at least

five years in advance in order to ensure effective cooperation on the part of the municipal council, Prince Hassan said.

Prince Hassan also stressed the need for enlightening the Jordanian public on their rights and responsibilities through the utilisation of television and other media which, he said, ought to explain the different problems faced by the municipality and suggest any possible solutions.

During the meeting, Mr. Rawabdeh informed Prince Hassan on

the municipality's coming programme. The municipality has drawn up plans for the improvement of transportation services in Amman; creating car parks, draining water, repairing roads, establishing public gardens and youth centres, and numbering streets, Mr. Rawabdeh said.

He went on to say that, by the end of May 1983, all Amman streets will have been repaired and a special committee has now been set up to give new names to the streets in Amman facilitating their easier identification.

Following the meeting, Prince Hassan, the mayor and several officials toured a number of quarters surrounding the municipality building and studied the services offered to them.

Mayors' administrative training seminar ends

AMMAN (Petra) — A five-day seminar on raising the standard of the administrative skills of 20 mayors in the Amman and Balqa governorates ended here Wednesday. During the symposium, the participants discussed the role of local government and its relationship to overall development in Jordan, cooperation between the provincial governor and the municipalities, administrative law, personnel management and new regulations aimed at coping with local pollution problems.

The participants then issued proposals relating to the treatment of pollution, the combating of insects in the Jordan Valley and on subjects pertaining to residential areas in the two governorates. The recommendations also included a call to raise the standard of performance of municipal employees, and to hold refresher training courses for engineers and surveyors employed by the municipalities.

The seminar was organised by the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment in cooperation with the Institute of Public Administration.

Ramtha schoolgirls open art exhibition

RAMTHA (Petra) — A four-day art exhibition by Ramtha schoolgirls opened here Wednesday. On display is a collection of paintings, models, embroidery, needlework as well as traditional national costumes.

Heads of local government departments and an audience of invited guests attended the opening ceremony.

Palestinian representatives meet Iraqi ambassador

AMMAN (Petra) — Representatives from Palestinian refugee camps in Jordan and the Higher Arab Committee for Palestine met the Iraqi Ambassador to Jordan Ibrahim Shuja' Sultan to review the developments in the Iraq-Iran war. During the meeting they were told by the ambassador of the successes achieved by the Iraqi armed forces against Iran.

The representatives, from 10 camps, later sent cables to President Saddam Hussein of Iraq voicing pride in his leadership and the successes of the Iraqi army. The cables denounced the stand of a number of Arab regimes which they said had adopted a "treacherous attitude in support of the Iranian enemy against the Arab Nation." The refugees stated in their cable their readiness to volunteer to fight alongside Iraq in the war against Iran.

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ADAMS PRESS EDITORIALS

At First Land Day given meaning

Al Garboun: March 30 symbolises struggle

Point A: 5120b: Land is central concept

Land Day is the anniversary of the 1976 martyrdom of six Arab citizens from Galilee who fell in defence of their land which was being usurped by the Zionists. Those who sacrificed their lives for the land should serve as an example to all Arabs and a sacred symbol of the same as to create the lost Arab homeland.

By Jawad Ahmad

Where is the International Monetary Fund? Why is it not doing anything? Is the fund only keeping busy interfering in the countries who only can complain about the crazy developments in the currency market?

Argentina one year after the Falklands war

By Robert Powell

Humiliation

The war was a crowning humiliation for the military rulers and led them to promise elections on Oct. 30 this year and a return to democracy in January, 1984. The Falklands invasion anniversary is therefore a very low key occasion. No official ceremonies are planned for April 2, which falls on Easter Saturday. But on April 4 a series of memorial services will be

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By Paul Taylor
Reuter

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Interviewed in an anonymous grey suburban apartment with no name on the doorbell, he ack-

Attacking Iran's relations with the Syrian and South Yemen governments, he said: "How can leaders call themselves Islamic and work together with regimes that suppress Islam?"

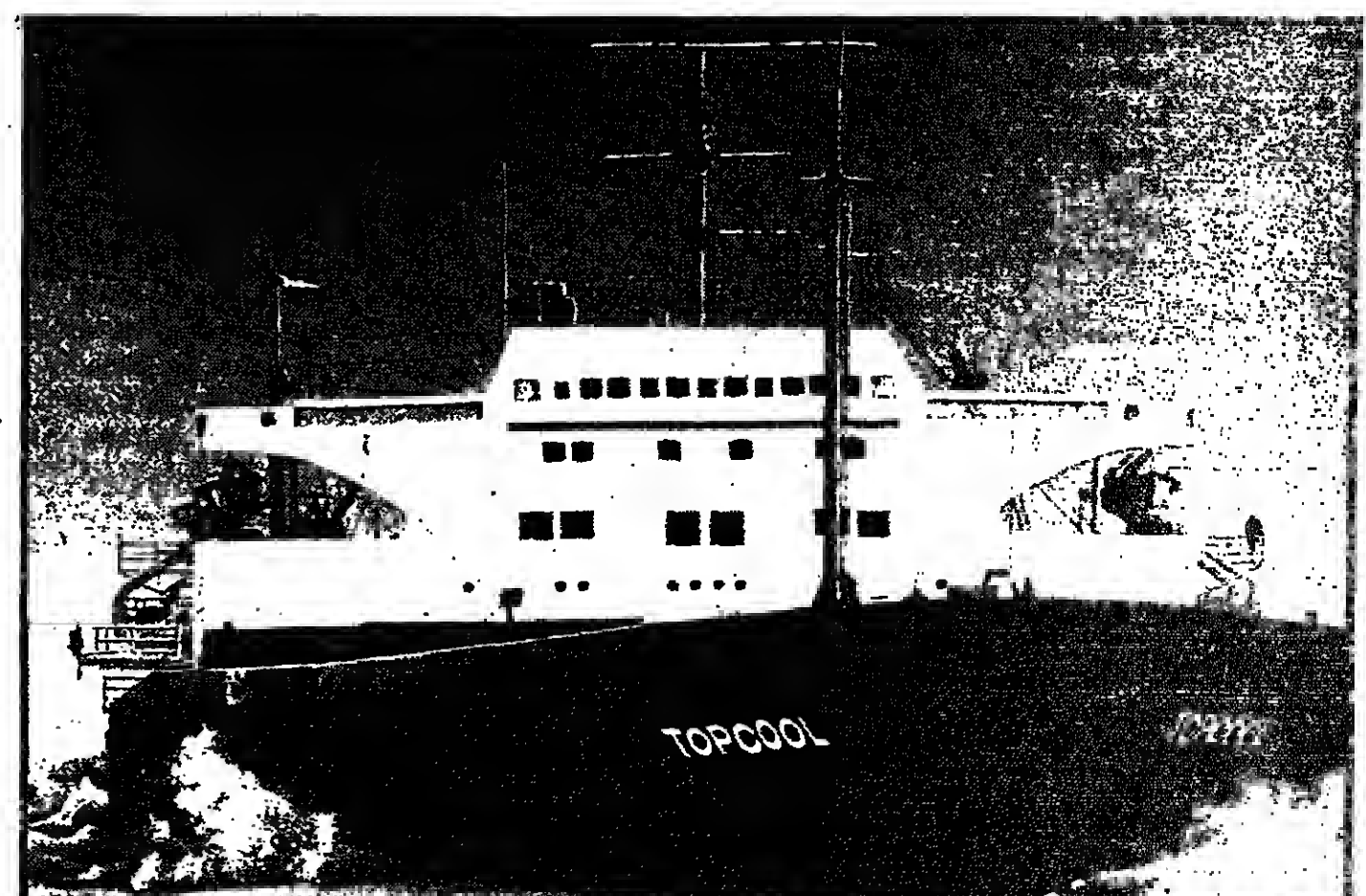
Western influence

Asked whether his movement



Mr. Snadoddin was evasive about his own life and travels. He said he was touring Europe on behalf of the "National Alliance" and had seen politicians in Italy and Switzerland. Asked how he had entered West Germany, he said: "I never break the law. I am like a bird. I flit from branch to branch."

Another leading figure in the Syrian Islamic movement, Issam El Attar, has been in hiding since 1981 after Arab gunmen shot dead his wife at their home in Aachen, near here. "I have to be very careful," Mr. Saadeeddin said. "Assad has a long arm."



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Limited information colours Arab image

By Dr. Issam Suleiman Moussa

Concluding a report on U.S. press coverage of the Arab image, 1916-75. The author is Assistant Professor of Journalism and Mass Communication, Yarmouk University.

Events in the Arab World, as discussed by the press reports between 1916 and 1948, showed that the Arabs were involved in various relationships. These showed the Arabs emerging from a state of control by the Ottoman Turks and then by the colonial powers, to a state of semi or full independence by the late forties.

Elements of conflict and co-operation influenced these relationships throughout. The Arabs co-operated with the European Allies in WWI, and some participated in WWII. The Europeans, following WWI, were interested in dominating the region. This led to Arab fragmentation and confrontation with the Europeans. The Arabs also confronted British designs to create a Jewish homeland in Palestine. During WWII, the U.S. began to develop an increasing interest in the economic and strategic potential of some Arab countries. This came at a time when modern Arab states began to be independent, and when the Europeans began to lose their influence in the Arab World.

The portrayal of Arabs in press reports during this period became a function of these events and relationships. The Arab image emerged from the romanticism of the past which was brought about by the Arabian Nights and reinforced by the movie industry in the early years of this century. The wide variety of events and relationships that occurred between 1916 and the late forties had an immense impact on the de-romanticisation and subsequent realism of the Arab image.

The first question that might be raised regarding Arab portrayal in the press reports of the New York Times between 1916-1948 is: how did news coverage report Arabs?

Coverage was primarily event-oriented. In this, the reports focused primarily on those Arabs associated with events, and ignored others, such as those in Libya, Tunisia and Yemen, who were not reported (except for scanty remarks occasionally).

Events also determined the extent of reporting about the Arabs. Certain years received extensive coverage, such as 1920; others were covered very briefly, such as 1935. Generally, the twenties and forties were full of events, and received more coverage than the thirties.

Coverage was also primarily

conflict-oriented (half the relationships). This was true regarding many Arab referents (such as Arabs generally, Syria, ethnic and religious Arab groups); political and military contexts; and most of other parties in relationship with the Arabs.

Arabia, among the Arab referents, and the U.S., among the parties in relationships with Arabs, constituted major exceptions. Both were reported in co-operation relationships. However, U.S. conflict relationships began to increase in 1944 and 1947.

Despite these two exceptions, it might be concluded that the overall coverage had set the ground for a conflict-oriented image for the Arabs prior to 1948.

Coverage primarily focussed on Arab relationships with the west, Europeans, the U.S., the Jews, and other Arabs. The reports paid little attention for Arab relationships with other parties.

Coverage was primarily unfavourably-oriented. This was particularly true regarding the treatment of most Arab referents, major contexts, and Arab relationships with most other parties. Arabia, and the U.S.-Arab relationships, received more favourable treatment until 1941 after which the unfavourable treatment began to increase.

However, in several cases, neutral treatment began to increase in the late thirties and/or the forties. This might be interpreted as an indication of a shift in reporting of the Arabs. This shift was possibly towards more balanced coverage.

The increase in neutral coverage was also accompanied by another important aspect of reporting the Arabs. The last two years of 1944 and 1947 showed a considerable increase in using Arab sources. Taken together, the increase in neutral reporting and reporting more of Arab sources, might attest to this shift in the policy of reporting Arab news.

Coverage in the twenties and the early thirties was more diversified than later. It included such contexts as archaeological, social, and educational/cultural, besides the political, military and economic. In the late thirties and throughout the forties, coverage was mostly limited to reporting of political, military and economic contexts. This might represent a possible bias, as it limited discussion of Arab life into three categories.

egories.

Further, coverage in the political and military contexts was characterised by high conflict and unfavourable treatment. The economic context was more balanced. Consequently, the economic context is seen as flexible and of future importance. If it becomes more unfavourable, then it might add to stereotyping of the image. If it becomes more favourable, it might aid in decreasing any stereotyping dependent upon the other, unfavourable contexts.

Later research on the Arab image suggests this future importance of the economic context, when the oil-producing countries had imposed two other embargoes prior to that, in 1956 and 1967. But in these the Arabs were not stereotyped, as they were in 1973, as "oil blackmailers". This suggests the sensitivity of the economic context.

Coverage allowed a European (French-British-Jewish) view to prevail in the inter-war period. Based on the increase in frequency of Arab and American sources and U.S.-Arab relationships, and Arab-American-Jewish view began to take over and replace the old one by 1944. The Jewish view found a foothold in the coverage of these two phases. This was based on the constancy of Jewish sources over the whole period.

Finally, coverage provided for a trace of romanticism about the Arabs. This was more apparent in the early period than in later years (during which such traces occurred only in isolated events). This trade represented a continuity and/or a carry-over from a past romantic image of the Arabs which prevailed before 1916. Hence, the twenties might be viewed as the beginning of an era of de-romanticising of the Arab image, and the beginning of a more realistic one.

These points sum the main characteristics of Arab coverage in the New York Times prior to 1948. The question that remains to be asked, at this point, relates to the reader of these reports. What were the implications of this coverage for the reader? What might be some of the impressions this coverage left on the mind of the reader, and what kind of image of the Arabs would be formed?

Two main general rules might be inferred from the above discussion on the nature of Arab coverage. (1) Information reported on the Arabs was limited. (2) Coverage was imbalanced.

Information, as provided by the reports, is considered limited for a

variety of reasons. Coverage, being event-oriented, gave information about some Arabs and not all of them. Arab contexts of relationships were limited mostly to the political, military and economic, particularly in the thirties and forties. Other contexts for Arab life were ignored. Such a limited focus might aid in creating a more rigid image, rather than an open one. This limited focus also might suggest some bias, that only few contexts out of many were permitted to be seen. Further, Arab relationships were limited to a few, mostly Western parties. Most importantly, Arabs were frequently reported in conflict relationships.

All these represent limitations on the kind of information which was published, and to which the reader was exposed. The reader could not possibly receive a complete picture of Arab life through these reports.

Coverage could also be considered imbalanced. Imbalanced reporting could be substantially supported by analysing the use of sources in reports. In the twenties and thirties, more British-French-Jewish sources were used than Arab or American; the latter began to increase considerably in 1944 and 1947. Therefore, a mostly European (French-British-Jewish) view prevailed in the reports during the inter-war period. This was superseded by a mostly Arab-American-Jewish view following 1944. Additionally, a reliance on Jewish and French sources, in the inter-war period, which mostly reported unfavourable attributions and relationships, constituted another indication of imbalanced reporting.

However, it might be argued that the increase in usage of Arab sources in the forties could represent a shift towards reporting a more balanced, independent, Arab view. But this argument could be undermined by the finding that Arab relationships, and Arab sources, were reported frequently in conflict relationships in the forties.

Hence, it is suggested that the limited information, coupled with an imbalanced coverage, could have possibly led to the formation of some misconceptions about the Arabs prior to 1948. Such misconceptions might have aided in creating stereotypes that distorted the Arab image as a whole.

Among the possible distortions that had developed prior to 1948, a few deserve attention.

"Arab", as a term applied to Arabs in general, or as a modifier,

was used in reports as a rubric to define only a small segment in some Arab society. By accepting the European view of the situation in Palestine during the inter-war period, the journalists fell in the trap of defining Palestinians as "Arabs", and their acts as "Arab" (e.g., "anti-Zionist Arabs" and "Arab terrorists"), thus ignoring their nationalistic status. The same qualifications and generalisations that were given to the Palestinians were still in use in more recent times, when for example, referring to "Arab terrorists" meaning Palestinian armed men. The same imprecision in using these terms was also used in reporting about "Arab oil blackmail" meaning the few Arab oil-producing countries.

What adds additional importance to this conclusion, is the finding that the term "Arabs" and/or "Arab" was emphasised both in conflict and unfavourable treatment. Conflict was found a constant feature in reporting of this referent. This, therefore, could have aided in presenting an image of conflict for Arabs.

Persistent use of the term "Arabs" imprecisely in recent years might be a possible indication that the U.S. press continued to adopt and apply the imprecision it inherited from the Europeans, in the inter-war period, regarding Arabs in general.

Another possible misconception that this reporting could have created in the mind of readers is one dealing with conflict.

Most Arab referents, the military, political, and religious contexts, were most often discussed in conflict relationships. The emphasis on conflict possibly presented the Arabs as a people whose conflict was a main feature of their life. (This was further emphasised by the Arab-Israeli conflict after 1948).

Further, most Arab relationships were reported to be with the French, British, Jews, other Arabs and the U.S. With the sole exception of the U.S., the sum of these relationships emphasised conflict over other relationships. As a function of this emphasis on conflict, particularly with the French, British and Jews, another distortion might have developed in the mind of the reader. The Arabs, in this case, were reported in constant conflict with the European colonial powers, and with the Jews over a Western-sponsored state, prior to 1948. The sum of that might have aided in creating a confrontational image of the Arabs as being

anti-West and possibly anti-modernisation.

It seems, thus, that the Arab image came a long way between 1916 and 1947. The Arab image, during that period, had outgrown its romanticism and become increasingly realistic. However, such a development was strongly tied to the reporting of events as they occurred in one or another Arab country or with this or that leader. The reports, during the inter-war period, even relied mostly on sources which were unsympathetic to the Arabs, such as the French and Jewish. But despite that, there was a shift toward more balanced reporting around the early forties, with the possible emergence of an independent Arab view. This, therefore, could be an indication of greater accuracy in reporting and understanding the Arabs.

Opinion--Al Ra'i

Women do serve society

By Hayfa' Al Bashir

In reply to Khaled Mahadin ("They Also Serve"), JT March 14, 1983) I should like to say: Your article has drawn the attention of every citizen in this country, and was received with indignation.

Consequently, women are entitled to reply to it. The article was an unfair indictment of the Jordanian women, and women working in the social work field in particular. I believe the mission of the information media is a trust, and the writer should be objective and investigative before writing nonsensical things advocating that half of the members of society stop their contribution to the march of development and go back home to be neglected and forgotten about.

In Jordan's modern history, women have played a great and constructive role in the country's development. They have worked sincerely and produced a great deal. They have worked in the fields of education and culture, and dealt with the problems of orphans, and old age, poverty and disease.

What is wrong with well-to-do women working in these fields? No one expects a woman having to raise her children, by herself, or a woman working in factory or field to

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Stations weak on service

Petrol stations, like vegetable shops, should be regularly visited by controllers from the Ministry of Supply or others.

It seems that the quality of petrol put in our engines is not always the same. Many people complain of problems with their cars because of "unclean" petrol, and this belief has been confirmed by some mechanics. Petrol is being tampered with and as a result our engines suffer.

While we are on the subject of petrol stations, how many have fire extinguishers? This is required by law, but how many abide by this law? And when a station does have a fire extinguisher, is it functioning properly?

A car that caught fire recently near a petrol station demonstrated that the fire extinguishers were completely dry. Had it not been for the helpfulness of nearby residents, the fire might have never been put out. It is unnecessary to add that this incident could have been catastrophic if the fire had extended to the petrol pumps.

Furthermore, all petrol stations should have air pumps for tyres. Is it asking too much to expect a complete service at any station, including not only petrol but also water, oil, and tyre pressure testing?

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TODAY'S EVENTS

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— Treasures of Antiquity
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Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.
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WEATHER

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A gradual increase in temperature will be felt in the high and middle altitudes. In Amman, it will be high with northerly moderate winds and sea calm.

LOWLIGHT TEMPERATURE IN DEG. C

Amman 12/24
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YESTERDAY'S HIGH TEMPERATURES

Amman 22, Aqaba 26, Humidity 52 per cent.
Amman 33 per cent, Aqaba 52 per cent.

FOR FRIDAY

JORDAN TELEVISION

MAIN CHANNEL

06:30 Morning Show
07:00 News in French
07:30 News in Hebrew
08:00 Private Benjamin
08:30 Eight is Enough
09:00 News in English
09:30 Movie of the Week: "Perfect Gentlemen"

FOREIGN CHANNEL

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SPORTS

Borg sweeps aside Clerc in Monte Carlo Open

MONTE CARLO (R) — Bjorn Borg, playing his last tournament before retiring, swept aside third seed Jose Luis Clerc of Argentina 6-1, 6-3 here Wednesday to move into the second round of the Monte Carlo Open tennis tournament.

Borg, who says he is quitting tennis and wants to be a television sports commentator, played his usual cool game as Clerc, who beat American John McEnroe in a Davis Cup tie earlier this month, struggled to find his form.

The Swedish ace, who won an unprecedented five Wimbledon titles in a row during his 11-year career, took just 27 minutes to take the first set 6-1.

Then in the second he rallied from 3-1 down to clinch the match as Clerc's game fell to pieces. Clerc missed 11 straight first serves and consistently hit the ball long and wide.

Borg was content to play a back court game, letting the Argentinian come to the net and do all the work.

Borg, a resident of this tiny Mediterranean principality and a member of the country club where

the tournament is being played, decided to make this his last appearance and entered the draw on one of three wild cards.

He meets French Davis Cup player Henri Leconte on Thursday. Leconte beat American Chip Hooper 6-2, 6-3 in the first round.

Borg said: "I didn't expect to win in straight sets. I am very surprised. Clerc didn't play at all well. He made a lot of errors. He can play much better."

"I think he was nervous. He was bad in the first set and after that it was difficult for him to come back into the match," said Borg.

"I didn't expect to be playing my best tennis, but I am relaxed because I have decided my future and I know I am not going to play any more. I reckon if I can play well enough, I can win here," he added.

"I haven't played Leconte before in a tournament, although we've played exhibition matches. He is a good player, and is on good form at the moment," he said.

Clerc, who looked tired and disappointed, said: "I was under a lot of pressure. People had been tel-

ling me that I would win, but I was nervous."

Using a clever mix of strokeplay and aggressive tactics, Shlomo Glickstein of Israel upset top-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia 6-2, 3-6, 7-5 in the first round Tuesday.

Glickstein, 25 years old who is ranked 42nd in the world, won a two hour 10 minute battle against the player rated the finest in the world by the computer rankings.

"That was my best victory ever," Glickstein said after his victory. "I've never beaten Lendl before and I've never beaten the world's top-ranked player before."

Lendl said he had been playing terribly ever since competing on a wood surface in the Davis Cup in Paraguay in early March. "I haven't been able to find my timing," he said.

On Sunday, he edged Kevin Curren of South Africa in three sets on a hard surface to win the Cuore Cup in Milan and he said he had only 45 minutes to practise on the Monte Carlo clay courts before Tuesday's match.

Mikkola challenges Mehta in Kenya's Safari Rally

NAIROBI (R) — Finland's Hannu Mikkola, driving a four-wheel-drive Audi Quattro, will challenge the dominance of the Datsuns and local ace Shekhar Mehta in Kenya's Safari Rally which starts Thursday.

Datsun have won the event, the fourth in this year's drivers' championship, seven times in the past 13 years with Mehta taking top honours for the past four years running.

But Mikkola, who became the first overseas driver to win the safari in 1972, is expected to make a strong bid against Mehta's Nissan 240rs over this year's 5,035-km four-day event.

Also in the top running is another Finn, Rauno Aaltonen, at the wheel of an Opel Ascona 400. In 19 attempts, Aaltonen has never won the safari, although he came within an ace of victory after a last-minute appeal in 1981 and is sure to be going all-out this time.

Michele Mouton of France, the world's leading woman driver, will be driving her Audi Quattro and former world champion Sandro Munari of Italy is entering an Alfa Romeo GTV6 to add extra spice to the 83-car field.

The safari is one of the world's most gruelling rallies, covering as it does the length and breadth of this rugged East African country.

Following the pattern of former years, the 1,621-km first leg takes the drivers through 26 stages on the comparatively easy but very fast run down to the Indian Ocean port of Mombasa and back up to Nairobi.

On Friday, leg two takes the cars on a wild 1,455-km swing

around mount Kenya in the centre of the country, returning to Nairobi on Saturday. This leg, which includes 23 stages is technically the most demanding and intricate for the drivers.

The 1,959-km third leg is the final test of the machines, looping through 38 stages up to the shores of Lake Victoria and on into the sun-baked semi-desert regions of northern Kenya before returning to Nairobi and the end of the rally on Sunday.

ACB fines Dennis Lillee

PERTH (R) — Fast bowler Dennis Lillee received a suspended 1,000-dollar (\$870) fine from the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) Wednesday for using abusive language.

The incident occurred during a Sheffield Shield match between Western Australia and South Australia in Adelaide on Feb. 28.

Bob Merriman, the ACB's cricket committee co-ordinator, who conducted Wednesday's hearing, said the suspended fine would be payable in addition to any other penalty should Lillee be found guilty of a breach of the code of behaviour during the next 14 months.

Lillee was accused of using abusive language towards spectators when he left the field after injuring his right knee.

Merriman said that as Lillee left the field he made a comment to the spectators which "was loud enough to be heard a considerable distance away."

He added that nothing had been said or done to provoke Lillee and his comment "would have been best left unsaid."

Lillee, 33, sporting a new beard and wearing sandals, made no comment after the hearing which followed a complaint lodged by Geoff Noblet, South Australian Cricket Association vice president.

The suspended fine is the heaviest penalty handed out under the ACB's code of behaviour. Lillee previously lost 700 dollars in match fees after being suspended for two one-day internationals for aiming a kick at Pakistan captain Javed Miandad in December 1981.

In another ruling, the ACB reduced an earlier fine on Lillee for a breach of the player-writer rule from 500 dollars (\$435) to 300 dollars (\$260). Merriman said the reduction, made on appeal, was consistent with other penalties for a first offence under this rule.

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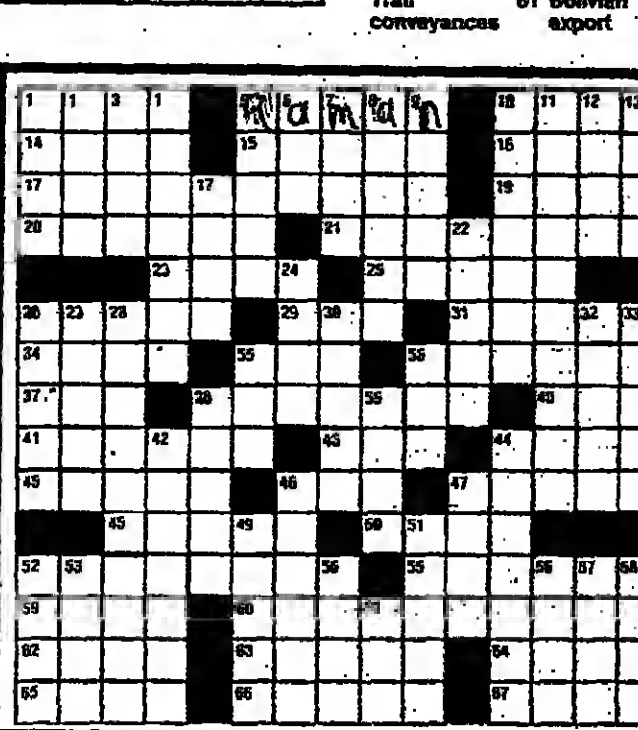
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THE Daily Crossword by Louis Sabat

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ECONOMY

Britain plans to compete with Nigeria in oil price cuts

LONDON (R) — Britain's state oil trading company Wednesday proposed further cuts of between 50 and 75 cents in the price of North Sea crude, industry sources said.

The new proposed price structure would put the price of Britain's crude down 50 cents to \$30 a barrel, on a par with oil produced by its main competitor, Nigeria.

Other grades of oil would drop by 75 cents a barrel, the sources said.

The price proposals were being put forward after consultations between the trading company, the British National Oil Corporation (BNOC), and its clients but still have to be accepted by both suppliers and customers.

The spotlight will now be on Nigeria, which threatened after this month's OPEC conference in London to match any British cut in order to maintain its competitive edge in a glutted market.

The two countries produce similar grades of high quality light crude and compete for customers in the European and North American markets.

Industry analysts believe the Nigerians may be prepared to accept the latest proposed cuts, although informed sources have reported pressure within the Lagos government to match BNOC moves cent for cent.

British oil accounts for up to 30 per cent of daily British production of 2.5 million barrels a day and will now become the marker crude, replacing the declining forties grade.

Saudi Arabia's Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani predicted at the end of the OPEC conference that further British cuts of a dollar or more would invite an oil price war.

BNOC last recommended a North Sea price cut in mid-February when it proposed slashing \$3 off its existing \$33.50 a barrel price.

Industry sources said oil companies would ideally like to see British crude pegged down lower to reflect continuing slack demand in

the market. But BNOC's major customers were apparently prepared to settle on a compromise in exchange for longer-term market stability, they said.

Some analysts believe Wednesday's reported BNOC proposal, with cuts of less than some sectors of the industry had expected, reflected political pressure on BNOC not to stir up fresh conflict with the OPEC producers.

The British government has a policy of maintaining maximum production from the North Sea at market prices but is, at the same time, eager to see price stability.

BNOC's last price cut proposal in February was swiftly followed by a Nigerian decision to undercut it by 50 cents, despite the fact that Nigerian oil is marginally more valuable to refiners than North Sea crude.

The reported BNOC proposals if accepted would set the prices of major world market crudes as follows:

Saudi Arabian Arab light (OPEC marker) \$29
Nigerian bonny light \$30
North Sea Brent \$30.50
Algerian and Libyan light \$30.50

Industry sources said BNOC proposed the latest cuts should be backdated to March 1.

Some BNOC customers, who accepted the February cuts, have been paying \$30.50 a barrel since then while other companies who were not satisfied with the size of the reduction have stayed on the old price of \$33.50 pending further cuts.

Sterling, which has been at record lows in recent weeks, partly in response to uncertainty about world oil prices, rose slightly on news of the less than anticipated 50 cent cut in the North Sea marker price.

Industry sources said BNOC had asked its suppliers and customers to reply to the latest proposals by April 8. The corporation was setting a firm date in order to avoid the delay in fixing a new price structure over the past six weeks.

Until a new price is agreed, the now defunct \$33.50 price remains the official one.

Deutsche Bank expects modest economic growth

FRANKFURT (R) — A spokesman for West Germany's biggest bank said Wednesday he expected only a modest growth in the West German economy this year, despite signs that it is picking up.

Wilfried Guth, spokesman for the Deutsche Bank AG joint management board, was speaking at a press conference at which the bank's net profits for 1982 were released showing a drop over 1981 of 69.58 million marks (\$28.75 million) to 342.75 million marks (\$141.63 million).

"We can reckon with a modest growth of hardly more than one half percentage point. All hopes are centred on 1984, when we believe a growth in Gross National Product (GNP) of a good three per cent is possible," he said.

The West German government has forecast nil growth for 1983 in real GNP — the increase in the country's total output of goods and services after abstracting inflation.

Mr. Guth said positive signs have come from a rise in new orders to the building, auto and engineering industries. But he added the government must build on new confidence it has fostered in investment by cutting its budget

deficit to 1.5 per cent of GNP from the current 3.3 per cent.

Turning to the realignment 10 days ago of the European Monetary System (EMS), Mr. Guth said that if tensions returned quickly to the EMS another early realignment could well spell the end of the system's usefulness.

Although the compromise under which France devalued the franc by 2.5 per cent and West Germany revalued the mark by 5.5 per cent was worthwhile to calm uncertainty in the currency markets, Mr. Guth said another compromise could not be justified in the next few months.

"I do not believe that any price should be paid in the future to keep the EMS going," he said.

He said the future of the system now hung on the ability of countries like France and Italy to prevent their economies from diverging too widely from those of the "hard" EMS currencies such as West Germany.

Mr. Guth described the new French package of austerity measures, announced last week, as very strong and said they displayed a determination to reduce the country's trade deficit.

British Aerospace loses £23m in '82 after taxes

LONDON (R) — British Aerospace has announced a 1982 loss after taxes of £23 million (\$34 million) due to provisions for lower sales and prices in the future despite a jump in trading profit last year.

Preliminary results from the company, partially denationalised by the government nearly two years ago, said it had made a trading profit of more than £112 million (\$164 million) in 1982.

But it announced an overall post-tax loss of £23 million after setting aside £100 million (\$146 million) for an "exceptional provision" to cover lower sales and

cut prices in future years.

Chairman Sir Austin Pearce said the provision had been made because of the state of the civil aircraft market, with airlines losing money and deferring or cancelling orders. But he said British Aerospace would not cancel one of its latest planes, the 146, for which there were 17 firm orders and 19 options.

The company said its trading profit was 19 per cent higher than in 1981. Profits before the exceptional provision were up 20 per cent from £70.6 million (\$103 million) to £84.7 million (\$124 million).

Third World will need \$200b by '83 to recover

GENEVA, IR — Developing countries will need an estimated \$200 billion by 1983 to stop a slide in stagnation and restore economic growth, a United Nations report said Wednesday.

The U.N. Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) said in the report it had revised its emergency proposals, published this year, to channel \$70 billion to the Third World and was now pushing forward a \$90 billion

made earlier this year, including a call to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to sell off a significant proportion of its gold stocks to help rescue Third World countries from cash shortage.

Other proposed measures included an increase in aid by developed countries to reach more than the 0.7 per cent target set by the United Nations.

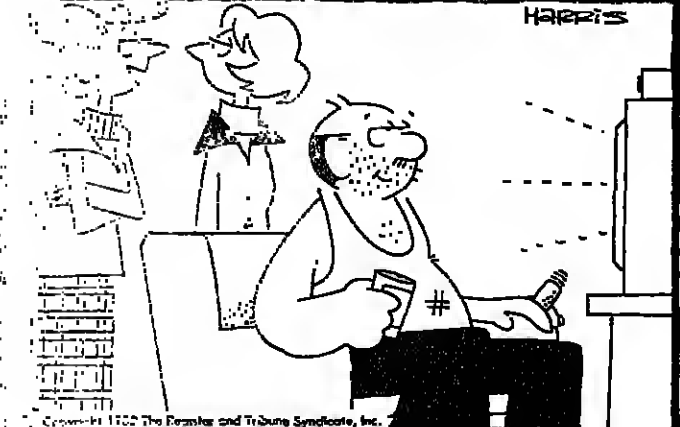
The UNCTAD report said the expected recovery in industrialised countries would not be enough to boost exports from the Third World.

The report identified heavy pressure on Third World nations' balance of payments as the main stumbling block for growth.

The outlook for growth in major West European countries was bleak, against a general background of uncertainty, it added.

Even in the United States, despite increasing signs that an acceleration of activity was imminent, it was too early to say whether this would be significant, UNCTAD said.

THE BETTER HALF. By Harris



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Riyadh devalues riyal

BAHRAIN (R) — Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporting country, said Wednesday it had slightly devalued its currency against the dollar.

A dollar was now worth 3.45 riyals compared with 3.44 previously, the Saudi Arabian monetary agency said in Riyadh.

Saudi Arabia alters the parity of its currency erratically and bankers said they could see no particular significance in Wednesday's very small devaluation.

The parity shifts represent technical rather than fundamental adjustments to maintain the riyal within a fluctuation band against the special drawing right, the International Monetary Fund's paper currency, they said.

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LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Equities were off the lows following the British National Oil Corporation proposal to cut North Sea oil prices, though trading was quiet ahead of the holiday weekend, dealers said. The F.T. index at 1500 was down 2.3 at 649.8.

BNOC proposes a cut of 50 cents to \$30 per barrel of Brent field oil, which replaces forties as the North Sea crude marker price, dealers added. B.P. was down 2p at 316 after 312 while Shell was unchanged on balance at 444 after 438.

Government bonds were around ¼ point firmer in longer dated issues in quiet trading following the BNOC proposal and on hopes that U.S. interest rates will not rise, dealers said.

The £97.5 million rights issue planned by Standard Chartered, which was down 23p at 459 after 449, caused other banks to fall in sympathy, with Barclays off 11p at 450. In insurances, Legal and General was unchanged on balance at 418 after 428, and Guardian Royal was up 10p at 422, after both announced figures above market expectations. Minet Holdings rose 9p to 136.

Bowater fell 26p to 148 on lower than expected 1982 pretax profits, but later rallied to 163, down 11p on Wednesday. British Aerospace fell 14p to 203 after comment on Tuesday's results.

Hanson Trust, which Tuesday increased its holding in UDS to 10.99 pct, rose 6p to 189. UDS was up 1p at 133.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

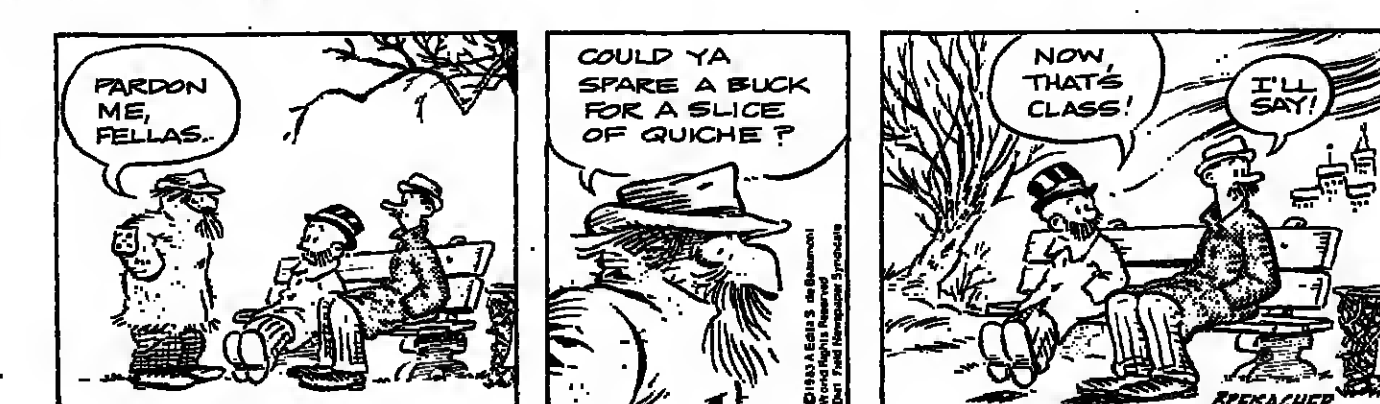
LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One sterling	1.4558/68	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.2291/94	Canadian dollars
	2.4227/37	West German marks
	2.7265/75	Dutch guilders
	2.0775/95	Swiss francs
	48.09/15	Belgian francs
	7.2600/50	French francs
	1443.25/1444.25	Italian lire
	239.50/65	Japanese yen
	7.5240/60	Swedish crowns
	7.1950/2000	Norwegian crowns
	8.6025/50	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	417.00/418.00	U.S. dollars

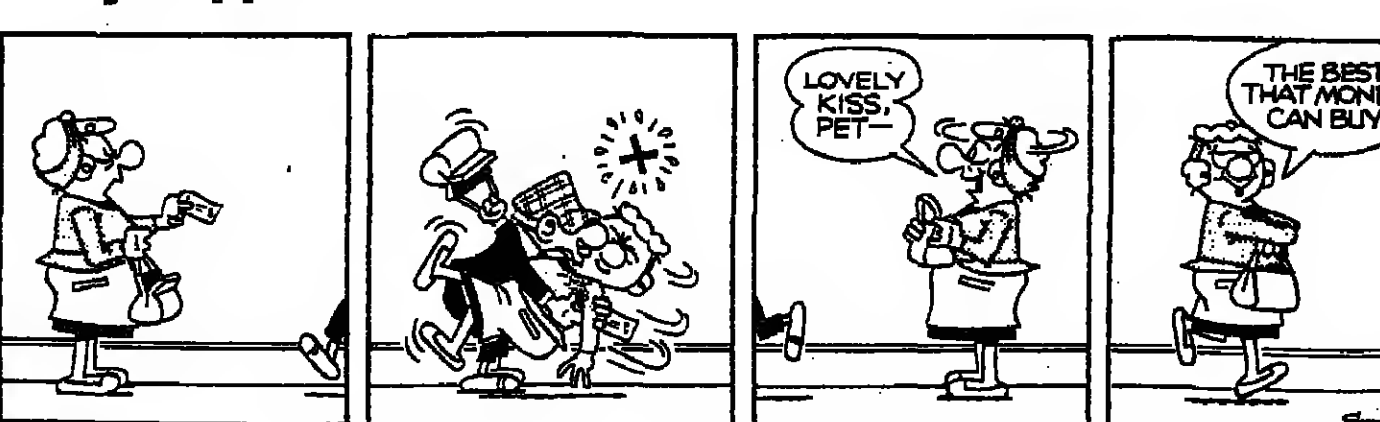
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INVITATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS

The Ministry of Public Works in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is inviting international contractors, in association with local contractors, to obtain prequalification forms for submitting construction tenders for the completion and maintenance of Phase I of Prince Hamza Medical Centre in Amman. These forms may be obtained from the Office of Government Tenders Directorate at the Ministry of Public Works against the payment of a non-refundable fee of JD 100 (one hundred Jordanian Dinars) between the hours of 09.00 and 14.00 Saturday, the April 2, 1983 and also up to and including Saturday the May 14, 1983.

Completed forms must be returned to the same office not later than 12.00 noon on the May 28, 1983.

It is anticipated that qualified contractors will be invited to collect tender documents by September, 1983. The tender submittal will be approximately two and a half months thereafter.

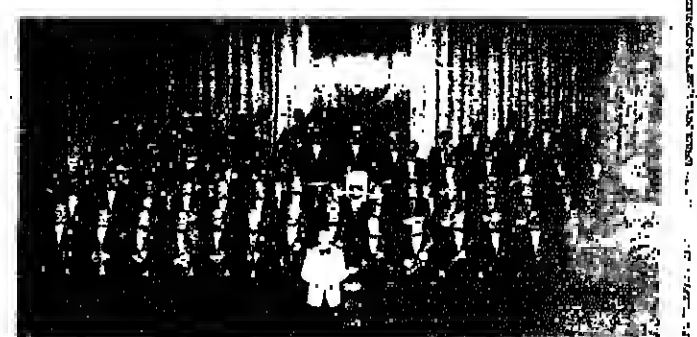
The hospital building is an eight level structure and has an approximate total floor area of 55,000 square metres. A brief description of the works involved is included in the prequalification forms.

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3. CONCERT, Royal Cultural Centre, Amman — Tuesday, April 5, 1983 at 8 p.m. (same programme as Gala Concert) — Tickets: JD 8
4. CONCERT, Royal Cultural Centre, Amman — Wednesday, April 6, 1983 at 8 p.m. (different prog.) — Tickets: JD 6

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